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Other Documents

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In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby identify the following listed copending applications naming a common inventor(s):

Attorney Docket No.: 2676-7180US
Serial No.: 11/127,921
Filing Date: 5/12/2005
Title: SELF-CONTAINING LACTOBACILLUS STRAIN

Attorney Docket No.: 2887-6748US
Serial No.: 11/018,188
Filing Date: 12/20/2004
Title: METHODS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE GUT ABSORPTION

Attorney Docket No.: 2887-8086US
Serial No.: 11/596,715
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Title: SELF-CONTAINING LACTOBACILLUS STRAIN

Serial No.: 10/687,996

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I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement, and therefore no fee is due.

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Cited Non-U.S. Patent Documents